

Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED

FROM: Councilmember Liccardo

SUBJECT: SATELLITE AND NEIGHBORHOOD

COMMUNITY CENTERS

DATE: May 21, 2009

Approved

Date

5-21-09

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

BACKGROUND

City-Council Initiated Neighborhood Improvement Reserve Fund/Other Budget Proposals

Program/Project Title: Satellite and Neighborhood Community Centers

Amount of City Funding Required: \$868,262.00

Fund Type: General Fund

Anticipated Outcomes:

In many of our neighborhoods, community centers play vital roles in providing a safe haven for kids, social opportunities for families, and warm meals and companionship for seniors. Six (6) community centers are slated to close in January of 2010. This funding recommendation would allow us to keep these centers open long enough for the city to identify non-profit partners. This is consistent with the city's mission to serve, foster, and strengthen the community by providing access to lifelong learning, opportunities to enjoy life, and preserving healthy neighborhoods. Funds should be prioritized toward community centers serving low-income neighborhoods.

Amount of City Funding Change: \$868,262.00

Fund Type: General Fund "Ending Fund Balance"

Council Policy 1-18 requires that all Ending Fund Balances be divided 50% to pavement maintenance and 50% to deficit reserve. By this action, we would reduce the amount allocated for pavement maintenance. \$27 million is already being proposed for pavement maintenance in the 2009-2010 budget, of which \$3.4 million comes from the General Fund. The pavement maintenance program will receive an additional \$15.1 million in ARRA funds during the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Using a portion of this balance for community centers will not affect council's policy of using 50% of any General Fund "Ending Fund Balance" to off-set any projected deficit in 2010-2011.

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The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- Community and Economic Development Services
- □ Environmental and Utility Services
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- Public Safety
- □ Strategic Support
- □ Transportation and Aviation Services